



Trash & Recycling Updates, etc...

APRIL THROUGH JULY 4, 2012

860-429-3333

www.mansfieldct.org/trash

TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

The week of Memorial Day - no change in trash & recycling collection days.
The week of **July Fourth** - **no change in trash & recycling collection days.**

NOTIFICATION OF TRASH SERVICE CHANGES

To be informed of trash service changes due to an emergency, sign up for e-mail notification. Go to www.mansfieldct.gov. Click on the E-mail notification tab. Select the Press Releases and/or Environmental Programs boxes.

'MANSFIELD RECYCLES' ON FACEBOOK

Mansfield Recycles is on Facebook! The Mansfield Recycles Facebook page can be found by searching for "Mansfield Recycles" when signed in to Facebook, or by clicking the link to the Facebook page found on the Mansfield website, www.mansfieldct.gov.

ADOPT A ROAD

Is there a particularly littered section of road in your neighborhood? Currently 90 residents have committed to keep Mansfield clean by joining Mansfield Adopt A Road. They cover about one quarter of the 104 miles of Mansfield roads. Residents who adopt a portion of a Mansfield road pick up litter at their convenience during the course of a year. By participating, the litter will not be subject to a charge at the transfer station or a limit with trash collection service. Contact the Public Works Department at 860-429-3333 or go to www.mansfieldct.org/aar to sign up.

RID LITTER DAY, APRIL 28, 2012

Get out and clean up your road, nearby stretch of woods, or local park Saturday, April 28, 2012. Bags of roadside litter can either be placed out with curbside collection (no limit restriction) or taken to the transfer station at no cost.

EXTRA HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

You may put out extra household garbage on your regular collection day the week of May 1, 2012. Extra garbage does not include bulky items, which should be taken to the transfer station.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located on Hancock Road in Willington, opens April 21, 2012 and will be open the first and third Saturdays of the month until November 5 (*closed July 7th and Labor Day weekend*). The hours are 9 am to 2 pm for residential hazardous waste disposal. For more information call 860-429-3333 or go to www.mansfieldct.org/hhw.

RECYCLE FLUORESCENT BULBS

While fluorescent bulbs use less energy than incandescent bulbs, they also contain mercury. Used fluorescent bulbs should be brought to the Mansfield transfer station so that the mercury and glass can be recycled. Broken bulbs should be carefully cleaned up with a damp cloth (*not a vacuum*), dustpan and brush, double bagged and taken to the hazardous waste facility. **Never** flush mercury down the drain or dispose in household trash.

LARGE RECYCLING CONTAINERS AVAILABLE

Twenty-two gallon recycling containers are available for \$10 at the Mansfield Town Hall. The 22 gallon container, at 21 inches tall and 17 inches across, is well suited for single stream recycling.

USING A TRASH CAN TO HOLD RECYCLABLES?

Please do not use anything larger than 30 gallons. Boldly label the can "**RECYCLE**".

PAPER SHREDDING SERVICE

Staples, across the road from Eastbrook Mall, is now offering paper shredding service. For 79 cents per pound (approximately 100 sheets of paper), they will shred your documents. Tri-County ARC, a non-profit organization that works with developmentally disabled adults, also provides shredding and recycling services. For documents delivered to their facility at 74 Brooklyn Street, Vernon CT 06066, the charge is 25 cents per pound. For 35 cents per pound, they will pick-up the documents you wish to have shredded. Arrangements can be made with Tammy at 860-576-6161.

PLANT POT REUSE

Undamaged plant pots (1 gallon and smaller) and trays of all sizes can be reused at Hockanum Greenhouse on the corner of Bone Mill Road and Route 44. They are a non-profit organization dedicated to serving adults with disabilities.

MEDICINE DISPOSAL

In streams and rivers across the Nation, scientists are finding detectable concentrations of pharmaceuticals, such as antidepressants, hormones and antibiotics. Drugs in water, even in highly diluted concentrations, can have adverse effects on aquatic life and human health. Disposal of unwanted medication down the toilet or sink can pass through septic systems and sewage treatment plants untreated into our water system.

Place medicine in the trash. Mansfield's garbage is burned at a trash incinerator at very high temperatures, which destroys these products and prevents them from getting into our water. The CT Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recommends that you follow these steps before you put any medicines in the trash:

1. Keep medication in original container. Cross out patient's name.
2. Modify medications to discourage consumption. For solids, add a small amount of water to dissolve. For liquids, add salt or a powdered spice. For blister packs, wrap in duct tape.
3. Tape container lid shut.
4. Discard the container in your garbage can.

For more background information go to <http://toxics.usgs.gov/regional/emc/index.html>

JOIN THE MANSFIELD ENERGY CHALLENGE

Join the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge. Save money, improve home comfort and safety, reduce energy waste and help Mansfield win community rewards. The Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge is your go-to source for home energy improvements. Join by going to <http://www.ctenergychallenge.com/>

KILL-A-WATT METERS AVAILABLE

Inefficient appliances can be a significant contributor to your electric bill. Kill-A-Watt meters are a useful tool for showing how much electricity an appliance uses. Simply plug it into the outlet and the appliance into the meter. The Town has Kill-A-Watt meters available for loan. If you are interested in borrowing one, call 860-429-3333.